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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: : Ronald F. Gruia, et al.

For : OPTIMAL DYNAMIC AGENT STATE ASSIGNMENT

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: